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1. In mid-April 1953, standards for accepting recruits for the Chinese Communist army were raised and made more rigid in Chekiang. During a recent recruiting drive in Chekiang, 517,248 persons signed up for the army but only 11,417 were accepted by mid-April. In Chuchi (N 29-44, E 120-13), only 210 recruits were accepted out of a total of 13,114 who registered for the army. The recruits accepted in Chekiang included youths about 20 years old and reliable rural militia personnel.
2. In April the Chekiang Military District Command planned to organize four new regiments.¹ Recruits for these regiments were ordered to be in various camps by the end of May. Three of the new regiments were to be concentrated in the Chiahsing (N 30-46, E 120-45) area for training. Officers for the new regiments were assigned from an independent officers corps which had been organized in August 1952 by the Officer Administration Department of the Chekiang Military District Headquarters. This officers corps had been formed by taking officers from several armies and from returned Korean veterans for a year of training. However, the training of these officers was to be postponed until the completion of their service in the new regiments.
1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED] which reported the proposed organization of new regiments in the East China Military Area, Chekiang was to have three new regiments. Other details of these two reports from different sources are strikingly similar.

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